विनिर्माताओं में प्रतिस्पर्धा बढ़ेगी जिससे दवाइयों की कीमतों में कमी होगी। किन्तु सामान्यतः कीमतों का रूख, आर एण्ड डी की उच्च लागत तथा शुरू हुए नए उत्पादों की आरम्भिक विपणन लागतों को भी ध्यान में रखा जाना चाहिये।

Dealership and distributorship of Public Sector Fertiliser Companies

1125. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA:
SHRI S. S. SURJEWALA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that as a policy matter, dealership/distributorship of public sector fertiliser companies are given through due advertisement and proper procedure; and

(b) whether any complaint has been received about irregularities and corruption in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) According to information available, fertiliser manufacturing Public Sector Companies have been appointing dealers/distributors by following procedure laid down by them including that of inviting application through press advertisment.

(b) Paradeep Phosphate Limited (PPL) and National Fertilisers Limited (NFL) have reportedly received one complaint each and respective managements are investigating into it.

Deforestation in Maharashtra

1126. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Governemnt's consideration for deforestation of forest land in Maharashtra;

(b) the districts covered under this scheme, and the details thereof district-wise and region-wise;

(c) the projects to benefited under the proposed scheme; and

(d) the other States who have put such proposals before the Central Governent and the action they have taken in the matter, State-wise and region-wise?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ): (a) As on 31.10.1997, a total number of 962 proposals have been received from the State Government of Maharashtra for diversion of forest land for non-forest purposes, under the Forest (conservation) Act, 1980.

(b) The information is being compiled and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) These proposals pertain to the use of forest land for various development projects such as irrigation, mining, transmission lines, roads, drinking water supply, etc.

(d) Similar proposals for diversion of forest land under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 have been received from other State/U.T. Governments also. As on 31.10.1997 a total number of 7844 proposals were received by the Ministry under the Forest (conservation) Act, 1980 from various State/U.T. Governments. A statement showing Statewise status of these proposals is annexed.

[See Appendix 182, Annexure No. 30]

Location for Delhi Bottling Company Limited

1127. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Bottling Company Limited, located at 60, Shivaji Marg, Delhi 110 015 has obtained the consent from the Central/Delhi Pollution Control Board for operation; and

(b) if so, whether Delhi Bottling have complied with all the terms of the Consent?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Pollution by Delhi Bottling Company Limited

1128. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Bottling Company Limited, located at 60, Shivaji Marg, Delhi 110 015 complied with the provisions of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, Part 24(a) in respect of storm water, drainage and placing of noxious materials into any stream, well, sewer, or on land; and

(b) what system Delhi Bottling Company has put in place for management of boiler and pressure vessels and for handling and manipulation of corrosive substances?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Development of Forests in Punjab

1129. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Punjab has submitted any project for development of forsts;

(b) if so, the details therefo;

(c) whether approval has been accorded by Government to the project;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by the Governemnt in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) State Government of Punjab has submitted a project proposal for development of forests at a cost of Rs. 408 crores over a period of 7 years. It envisages covering an area of 58,750 ha in Kandi and Plain areas of the State. Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund, Japan has agreed to support the project.

(e) The pre-project activities have already started under the project.

Destruction of Forest Area for development projects

1130. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are large amounts of underground mineral resources in forest areas;

(b) whether it is a fact that the State Governemnts are also putting pressure to destroy such forest areas for development projects; and

(c) what action Government are taking to protext the limited area of forests from such development activities?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A large number of proposals ahve been received for diversion of forest land under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 from various State Governments for mining and other development projects.

(c) The Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 has been enacted by the Central Government to regulate diversion of forest land for non-forest purposes. Proposals received under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 are examined in accordance with the rules and guidelines laid under the Act. Diversion of forest